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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] JAS P MITCHELL, Sec'y of Labor, *commenting on recently-released statistics*: "All over the country employment is increasing, new jobs are opening up. . . We are determined to expand employment, and to improve the opportunities and working conditions of those who have jobs." . . [2] WALTER REUTHER, pres, CIO: "If you asked industrial workers to work in plants as antiquated as our schools, you would have a picket line in the morning. . . There must be something wrong with the moral fiber of a people willing to pay more for a wk of war than for a yr of education." . . [3] NELSON A ROCKEFELLER, Undersec'y of Health, Education and Welfare: "Good health and good education are, in a very real sense, good business." . . [4] Dr NICHOLAS NYARADI, former Minister of Finance for Hungary, now chmn of Dep't of Economics, Bradley Univ: "Complacency, indifference and apathy (of American people) are more helpful to the Kremlin than

Quote of the Week

Pres DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, at a West Point Society luncheon, *commenting on restrictions of the presidency*: "Just give me a little time and I will be back in the crowd, cheering for some other poor sucker who is up here."

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all the A-bombs, H-bombs and guided missiles they have accumulated in their arsenals." . . [5] THOS A DEWEY, Gov of N Y: "We seem increasingly to witness the paradox of candidates who expect the people to trust them when they show by their utterances that they do not trust the people to find the truth." . . [6] Dr LEE DUBRIDGE, pres, Calif Inst of Technology: "Military and scientific people should do their dreaming together. Weapon development is a tough business and requires the best combined talents we can muster."

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Democrats are already laying plans for an apparently well-founded assumption that they will control the House and Senate in the next session of Congress. Control of the Senate is currently rated a toss-up. If a strong Republican trend does not develop in the final days of the campaign (as it did in '52) Democrats may also control the Senate.

Real significance is, of course, not in mere numerical superiority. The prize at stake is the privilege of "organizing" the 2 houses of Congress. This means that various committees will be headed by chairmen of the victorious party. These men occupy positions of great strategic importance. They can do much toward shaping legislation that will presently be voted upon by the group as a whole.

However, as we are continually pointing out, gov't in this nation

is no longer primarily by party. Labels have lost their validity, as the real struggle continues between Right and Left. To illustrate our point, let us keep in mind that committee appointments go by seniority. Thus, if the Democrats should control both House and Senate, some two-thirds of the more important committees will be headed by Southerners who, taken as a whole, trend toward the Right. They will exert a tempering force on legislation.

Some men will have a choice of chairmanships. Sen George, of Ga, may have Finance or For'gn Relations; will take the latter. Sen Murray, of Montana, (if re-elected) will prefer Interior to Labor. We may note in passing that Democratic control of the Senate would automatically deprive Sen McCarthy of his chairmanship of the Investigating Subcommittee. His successor would be Sen McClellan, of Ark, who played a key role in TV-d Army-McCarthy hearings.

Some Southern Democrats are more conservative than present Republican administration. It makes an interesting situation.



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Charles Nelson Ferguson



ADVICE—1

Don't follow any advice, no matter how good, until you feel as deeply in your spirit as you think in your mind that the counsel is wise.—DAVID SEABURY, *Forbes*.

AMERICA—2

We in America need a 5th basic freedom. The 4 freedoms are adequate for most of the world, but we need a freedom from the fear of abundance.—WALTER P REUTHER, pres, CIO, addressing Sales Exec's Club of N Y.

AMERICANA—3

Few Americans feel entirely at ease with the slogan "Soak the rich," but the phrase "Deal me in" springs spontaneously and joyously from American lips. — DAVID M POTTER, *People of Plenty* (Chicago Univ Press).

BEHAVIOR—4

The intelligence of our brains often silences the wisdom of our souls.—WESLEY LA VIOLETTE, *Argonaut*.

BOOKS—Reading—5

The library is not a shrine for the worship of books. It is not a temple where literary incense must be burned or where one's devotion to the bound book is expressed in ritual. A library, to modify the famous metaphor of Socrates, is the delivery room for the birth of ideas—a place where history comes to life. — NORMAN COUSINS, "The Need for Continuity," *ALA Bulletin*, 10-'54.

CHILD—Training—6

It's too bad God didn't give us our neighbor's children. We always seem to know exactly what is wrong with the way they are being reared, and exactly how it should be done for them.—Aerzte-Kalendar, Germany (QUOTE translation).

CHURCH—Attendance—7

Being examined for baptism the daughter of a Gold Coast chief-tain told the pastor: "Every time I come to Sabbath school, my husband beats me when I return home."

The pastor asked: "How often do you come to Sabbath school?"

She repl'd: "I always come."—*Review & Herald*.

CONSERVATIVE—Radical—8

A conservative is a person who has sense enough to know that change isn't necessarily progress.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

CYNICISM—9

Cynicism in the young is always a healthful sign—it shows that a sensitive, idealistic nature has been shocked and is trying to come to terms with the folly of the adult world. It is only cynicism in the old that (is) objectionable.—SYDNEY J HARRIS, *Chicago News*.

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Prediction here is that special Senate session starting Nov 8 to take up McCarthy censure resolution will last until nearly Christmas. It's said that "more than a month" will be required to complete oratory defending McCarthy. Don't be surprised if contention is made that Supreme Ct Justice (former Ala senator) Hugo Black "abused" witnesses as chmn of Senate committee probing utility co's in the '30s in a manner similar to that McCarthy is criticized for in the Zwicker case.

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Says House Democratic Leader Sam Rayburn: "Republicans are suffering from 'Maw' trouble—that's Maine, Alaska and Wilson." . . . Hostess Gwen Cofrit's remark about Defense Sec'y Chas E Wilson: "They should feed him hush-puppies in the future."

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In his Ky U S Senate race, 76-yr-old Alben Barkley is laughing off GOP criticism that he's too old for the job. "Son," he told a 10-yr-old recently, "you may not be old enough to vote for me this time, but you will be before I'm thru running!". . . Former Pres Hoover quiets rumors that he will move here to live with his son, Herbert Hoover, Jr, new Undersec'y of State. "I have no desire," he says, "to live in Washington again.". . . Out of 96 U S senators, 27 were born in Nov.

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DESTINY—10

I don't hold with people who say: "Where do we go from here?" or: "What's the use?" I wouldn't get up in the morning if I thought we didn't have a direction to go in. But if you ask me what the direction is, I can't answer. It's different for each of us. The important thing to remember is that there is a direction and a continuity even if so often we think we're lost.—ROB'T FROST, dean of American poets.

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It's an **IDEA**

In the tiny town of Muelheim, Germany, 30 teen-age boys have banded together to help the poor and disabled. Began when a few of them, coming home from a Tarzan movie, saw a little old woman dragging home some firewood, ran to help her with it, and decided to keep on doing good deeds. Calling themselves Tarzans, they have the full backing of adults, who provide paint, tools, broken furniture to be repaired, then given away, etc. Dues of 10 Pfennige a wk buy other necessities.—Bunte Illustrierte, Offenburg (Quote translation).

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DRINK—Drinking—11

The nation's drinkers spend \$1¼ million an hr for the privilege of having hangovers. — Mrs H F POWELL, nat'l treas, WCTU, at recent nat'l convention.

Mining the Magazines



We've just translated a fascinating bit from *Lies Mit!* (Cologne) which relates that a large continental hotel assures guests a good night's sleep by providing in each room a phonograph and 6 records, from which to select a lullaby. Selections include the monotonous sound of rain, the croaking of frogs, the songs of birds. But the item that especially intrigues us is the final recording — introduced, perhaps, for the American tourist: the sound of a cash register!

"If it's beer, it's fattening," is the substance of an article by Donald G Cooley, in the current *Your Health*. Debunking the caloric claims of numerous brewers, the author sums up: "The truth about beer calories is that there isn't enough difference between brands of the same type of brew to brighten the glow of a firefly's tail."

A E Hotchner, in *This Wk* (10-17-'54) presents one of the most cogent reasons against divorce: you probably can't afford the luxury! This yr, he points out, 2,500,000 ex-wives will receive almost \$3 billion in alimony. He quotes Richard H Wels, chmn of N Y's Committee on Improvement of Family Laws: "There are casual marriages, and casual divorces—but there is no such thing as casual alimony!"

Tit-Bits, London, rep'ts there are now so many tv antennae that this season's smog is coming in shredded.

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Konsomol Pravda, the Communist Youth organ, has been blasting the capitalist press for its indulgence in "sensational journalism." But sensational journalism is, it seems, essential even in Russia to maintain interest and circulation. So what? *Konsomol Pravda* publishes crime, sex and indecency items in the form of outraged letters to the editor!

A plastic stronger than steel? It may result from atom-radiation processes, says *Architectural Forum*. British experiments indicate that "massive doses of gamma radiation" make soft plastic sheets stronger than equal thickness of steel; eliminate need for heavy fireproofing material.

Harry S Truman, never a party to neglect the Party, now comes up with an idea: "If every subscriber to the *Democratic Digest* would just go out and get 6 add'l subscriptions," he suggests, "we could stop worrying about the one-party press of the opposition."

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EDUCATION—12

One of the most important tasks of education today is to keep a clear line between the responsible search for truth and the dangerous naivete which opens the door either to the blandishments of the Communists on the one side or the character smearing of the demagogues on the other side.—ABRAM L. SACHAR, pres., Brandeis Univ.

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The only true learning is the learning of the scholar who is free to pursue his explorations whither he will. — A WHITNEY GRISWOLD, *Essays on Education* (Yale Univ Press).

FAMILY LIFE—13

When the only scraps are those brushed off the dining room table, it's a happy home.—*Indianapolis Times*.

FASHION—14

Designer Fath; he wants us flat, Dior—he wants us lean, And thus between the two of them They'll pick our husbands clean.—*Grit*.

FORGIVE—and Forget—15

Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was once reminded of an especially cruel thing that had been done to her yrs before. But Miss Barton seemed not to recall the incident.

"Don't you remember it?" her friend asked.

"No," came the reply. "I distinctly remember forgetting that." —*Think*.

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GOSSIP—16

Gossip is a way of saying nothing, and still leaving nothing unsaid.—Ohio Co (Wis) *Messenger*.

HANDICAPS—17

Very few jobs require 100% perfection of all the physical faculties. Very few workers could meet the requirements of absolute physical perfection. We're all impaired. As John Grimaldi says, "I have 2 teeth missing. I have a bridge back here. When I chew a caramel, sir, I'm working on the wrong kind of job." — SHIRLEY KESSLER, *Trained Men*.

LIFE—Living—18

A man without a "cause" is little more than a shadow without the substance which produced it.—*Industrial Medicine and Surgery*.

LOVE—19

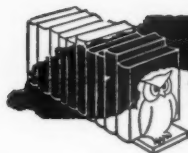
What is so remarkable about love at first sight? It's when people have been looking at each other for yrs that it becomes remarkable.—*Changing Times*.

OPPORTUNITY—20

No opportunity is ever lost. The other fellow takes those you miss.—*Banking*.

PEACE—21

On April 29, '45, the very day on which Berlin fell, a new rose named Peace was introduced to the garden world. On V J Day, when a mtg of 49 delegates of the UN took place in San Francisco, each delegate rec'd a small vase with a single Peace rose to which was attached the following message: "We hope the Peace rose will influence men's thoughts for everlasting World peace."—*Horticulture*.



Book Briefs

We have often wondered about those lengthy questionnaires that publishers are forever inflicting upon authors—with the doubtless worthy intent of developing “publicity material.” Do the authors fill in these forms in precise detail, ans’g such queries as “Where do you write?” and “When do you write?” Now, we have at least a partial answer. Louis (“Satchmo”) Armstrong got one of these forms lately, we hear. In answer to item 8, “What has been most helpful in your writing?” he made what seems to us a perfectly proper and revealing response: “Webster’s Dictionary.”

Margaret Truman’s diaries may be published soon. She has kept a diary, it seems, since 1st arriving in Washington at the age of 10. Miss Truman is noncommittal about publishing plans, but Washington hears that negotiations have already been entered into with a book publisher and with a woman’s mag. Latter will serialize portions of the diary before the book appears.

In an age when publishers seem vying one with another to see who can pass out the greatest volume of premium merchandise, we note this refreshing variation in a headline of an ad sponsored by Peter Pauper Press: “Nothing FREE—because all the value goes into these books themselves!”

The presence of Ezra Pound’s *Pisan Cantos* on the coffee table has brought us more respect than anything we can imagine, short of referring to John Foster Dulles as Jack. — CASKIE STINNETT, *Speaking of Holiday*, hm, *Holiday Magazine*.

Mortimer Smith, in *The Diminished Mind* (Regnery) makes a rather pointed comment on progressive education: “We used to take Mary to the zoo, and the school taught her arithmetic. Now, we teach her arithmetic, and the school takes her to the zoo.”

Fed’l Civil Defense Agency has issued a little book, *Civil Defense Household First Aid Kit*, listing emergency medical supplies which should be on hand in all target-area homes. Price: 5 cts. Write Sup’t of Documents, Gov’t Printing Office, Washington 25, D C.

An Illinois prof is rep’ted ready to abandon all book-writing that doesn’t involve “25 words or less.” Prof Kevin Guinagh last yr got \$500 for a 4-yr job translating Virgil’s *Aeneid*, while his wife won \$1,000 in a slogan contest.

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"You're alive, aren't you?"

A note often missing from today's Thanksgiving observances, however thoughtful, is that of thankfulness for life — the same gratitude the colonists felt in 1621 for being spared a wilderness death. It takes a war to bring men back to a simple thankfulness for being allowed to live. It shows here, in accounts of Thanksgiving in the Pacific about a decade ago—the 1st written after the 5-mo's Guadalcanal struggle, the 2nd after a 76-hr. 3583-casualty battle:

Guadalcanal, 1942:

It was Thanksgiving Day on Guadalcanal. An officer entered my tent to gripe and complain.

"Listen, Captain," I said, "you're alive, aren't you? I see you have both arms, both legs, both eyes, both ears—you have everything to be thankful for."—Lt W W WILLARD, Chaplain U S N R, *The Leathernecks Came Thru* (Revell).

Tarawa, 1943:

"This is written while those at home are sitting down to Thanksgiving turkey. We share that spirit of thanksgiving. Most of all, we are thankful to be alive. But for the chance of battle, we would be in one of the 5 cemeteries here, or hanging grotesquely from the barbed wire in the surf. . . ."—RICHARD W JOHNSTON, *United Press* dispatch.

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PREACHERS—Preaching—22

The young preacher thrilled his congregation with his 1st sermon—a challenge to "gird their loins" for Christian service and living. Then, to their dismay, he preached the same sermon the following Sunday. When he confronted them with the same ringing message on the 3rd Sunday, his flock felt something must be done.

"Don't you have more than just one sermon?" blurted a spokesman to the pastor.

"Oh yes," he said quietly. "I have quite a number. But you haven't done *anything* about the 1st one yet!"—W W REID, *Arkansas Methodist*.

PROGRESS—23

Progress has so improved the world that if grandpa should wake up today he'd think he was in hell.—S A C *Sidelights*, hm, Securities Acceptance Corp'n.

PURPOSE—24

What we lack is a righteous and dynamic faith. There is no use having more and louder "Voices of America" unless we have something to say that is more persuasive than anything yet said.—JOHN FOSTER DULLES, Sec'y of State, quoted in *United Evangelical Action*.

RACE RELATIONS—25

It's remarkable the way integration has been accepted by youngsters. I haven't found any major feelings of prejudice among young people, even in Washington. The few flareups we have experienced among pupils are the result of parental insolation, brought on by a long tradition of segregation.—SAM'L L BROWNELL, U S Commissioner of Education.

Pathways to the Past



Week of
Nov 21-27

Nat'l Latin American Wk

Jewish Book Month

(Nov 24 - Dec 24)

Worldwide Bible Reading

(Nov 25 - Dec 25)

Nov 21—260th anniv (1691) b of Francois Marie Arouet de Voltaire, dominant literary figure of 18th century France whose satirical attacks challenged absolutism of church and state (he auth'd most common motto for editorial pages: "I disagree with what you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it").

Nov 22—Feast of St Cecelia (patron saint of music Cecelia is legendary inventor of 1st organ). . . The doctrine of nullification (right for states to reject fed'l laws they deem unconstitutional) set forth by Kentucky 155 yrs ago (1799), was used often by South to defend slavery. . . 135th anniv (1819) b of one of early women novelists, Mary Ann Evans, who wrote under name of Geo Eliot.

Nov 22—150th anniv (1804) b of 14th Pres Franklin Pierce, dark-horse Whig candidate, whose administration bought last acreage now in territorial U S—the Gadsden Purchase.

Nov 24—Pres Zachary ("Old Rough and Ready") Taylor, Mexican War hero, b 170 yrs ago (1784). . . Henry Ward Beecher took the helm of the American

Women's Suffrage Ass'n, formed 85 yrs ago (1869). . . Invention of barbed wire 80 yrs ago (1874) brought cheers from property rights drum-beaters, none from cattle-rustlers. . . 50 yrs ago (1904) the 1st practical caterpillar tractor crawled down a Calif field in a trial run.

Nov 25—Thanksgiving Day. . . 450th anniv (1904) d of Columbus' Lady Bountiful, Queen Isabella of Spain. . . A group that liked a lot of money around, even if it was worthless, formed the inflation-favoring Greenback Party 80 yrs ago (1874). . . 5 yrs ago (1949) 550-lb gorilla Gargantua died, an old codger of 20. Largest in captivity, he and elephant Jumbo were top box-office favorites with zoo- and circus-going public.

Nov 26—165 yrs ago (1789) the citizens of the new-born U S celebrated the 1st Thanksgiving proclaimed by a president—honoring not the harvest, but the ratifying of the Constitution. 1st nat'l harvest Thanksgiving proclaimed by a president came 90 yrs ago (1864), when Pres Lincoln heeded long campaign by Godey's Ladies Book editor Sarah Josepha Hale, urging nat'l holiday.

Nov 27—80th anniv (1874) b of historian Chas Austin Beard (d 1948), who with wife Mary penned numerous vol's of U S history.

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"Of all things!"

Betty Beale, socially prominent society columnist of the *Washington Star*, passes along some advice on social climbing in Washington! As a matter of fact some of her pointers may have value for climbers, regardless of clime.

The first essential, says Miss Beale, is to develop a thick skin. After that, you manage somehow to get invited to an embassy reception. This is a sort of automatic escalator. Washington social life has a monotonous mechanism. If you're seen someplace, you are likely to be asked elsewhere.

Now, you will hook onto a social lion—preferably an Ambassador or a Senator—by inviting him to a party "when his mouth is full" and "before he can answer, invite the people around him." If the party is a big hit, you may become a well-known hostess. "If your party is a flop," Miss Beale continues, "well, there are always some newcomers in this transient town to work on."

And, oh yes, this is most important: Early in your social career, attach yourself and your checkbook to a charitable or cultural organization. ("Sweet charity can do as much for the over-eager as for the under-privileged.")

Finally: "Play it cozy, or you'll wind up in the group better known as the Fighting Fringe."—ELIZABETH CARPENTER, QUOTE *Washington Bureau*.

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RELIGION—Atheism—26

Russia and the West cannot live amicably side by side unless Russia abandons atheist materialism as her motive. . . Fire and water cannot mix. Atheism and Christianity cannot mix, or co-exist, in a world where prosperity depends upon mutual service and co-operation among the nations. — GEO GLASGOW, *Contemporary Review*, London.

SATIRE—27

Satire is the soured milk of human kindness. — ALFRED NORTH WHITEHEAD in *Dialogues of Alfred North Whitehead* as recorded by LUCIEN PRICE (Little, Brown).

SEXES—28

American women are so adorable that it's hard to believe American men made them what they are.—ERNEST HEMINGWAY, *Realities*, Paris.

SPEECH—Speaking—29

Keeping the attention riveted on the subject while listening to some after-dinner speakers is like trying to hold the tv picture in frame during a thunder storm.—*Elkhorn (Wis) Independent*.

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Eloquence is the art of keeping other people from coughing.—Sir RALPH RICHARDSON, *London Daily Mail*.

SUBTLETY—30

Lucien Guitry noticed that his valet frequently wore his master's ties, but he didn't have nerve enough to mention it until finally he bought a new chest of drawers. "From now on," he told the servant, "I want you to put my socks here, my handkerchiefs there, and our ties over there." — *Weltbild*, Munich, (QUOTE translation).

TAXES—31

Greenland last yr became constitutionally a part of Denmark. Thus far they have paid no direct taxes to the Danish gov't. They have now asked that this exemption be waived, and that an income tax be levied upon them.

The spectacle of a people asking to be taxed recalls an incident concerning the late Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. He was once asked, "Don't you hate to pay taxes?" and promptly replied: "No; I like to pay taxes. With them I buy civilization."—Editorial, *Christian Science Monitor*.

TEACHERS—Teaching—32

The teacher is literally the key-stone of any organized society. His product, always hard to visualize, is the disciplined intelligence which fills the ranks of the professions and of business and industrial management. . . . In no capacity have "best minds" made a more valuable contribution to American life and progress than on college and univ faculties.—Report of Council for Financial Aid to Education, Inc.

THEORY—Practice—33

How tragic it is that none of the people who know all the answers to the problems of the nat'n and the world can ever be induced to drop their pens, roll up their sleeves and solve them!—*S A C Sidelights*, hm, Securities Acceptance Corp'n.

VIEWPOINT—34

A crank is usually one who is an expert on some subject in which you are not interested.—*Gilcrafter*, hm, Gilbert Paper Co.

In Brief

No evading the fact that we live in an increasingly articulate age. Gets a bit dismaying at times. Latest is an organization to inter-spense commercials betwixt musical selections on juke boxes. . . . And, of course, there's the vending machine that talks. You drop in a quarter for a pack of cigarets. A record cautions: "Don't run short. Better buy 2 packs while you're here!"

Some sideline observers are wondering whether auto industry is getting full value out of extra horses they are harnessing under hoods. Recent survey indicates average owner can't quote offhand horse-power of his car—and doesn't much care. . . . Auto production is tentatively pegged at 5.6 million for '55. . . . Motor vehicle registration will hit an all-time high this yr, with an estimated 58,129,000; a 3.3% gain over '53.

Supermkts are trying more and more gimmicks to wangle larger proportion of household trade. An Eastern chain bought 90,000 tickets to football games; offered \$3.80 seat free with \$15 purchase; sold out quickly. . . . Pressure of competition is forcing mail-order houses into lower-price fields, with heavy wares taking chief cuts.

A N Y salon now does face-lifting on the installment plan—that is, you *pay* on installments; the lifting, presumably, is done in a single heist.

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Good Stories.....

you can use

Louie is a guide at the Milford House (in Nova Scotia), and an accomplished performer with a moose-call. No one else could equal the tenderness and passion, the intimate I-mean-you effect that Louie put into his moose-calling, and one of his hunters was complimenting him on his successes, so the story goes.

"You have shown me how to call a moose," said the hunter, "but how do you go about calling a bear?"

"Very simple," said Louie. "You just make a noise like a blueberry."—*Atlantic Bulletin*. a

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Some yrs ago, 1st tests were being run on the "speech inverter." A system for insuring privacy in radio conversations, the device translates high tones to low and low to high. As a result "telephone company" comes out sounding like "pleophol krinkinopf." Engineers testing the device were constantly interrupted by passing colleagues eager to hear the scrambled version of their own names, until one enterprising fellow found the solution. He learned to speak the machine's "inverted language" and when bothered simply turned to the inverter and muttered something like "phnf."

The machine dutifully repl'd: "Nuts!"—*Ohio Bell*, hm, Ohio Bell Telephone Co. b

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

HORACE KELLAND

My wife started off her career as a mother-in-law with a bang. We were expecting our son home from the Army on leave but what we didn't expect was that he would show up with a wife. After introducing her to us he explained that it was a spur-of-the-moment idea of theirs to get married. "But, nevertheless," he said, "our marriage was very romantic. The ceremony took place just as dawn was breaking."

Not knowing what to say but feeling she had to say something, my wife, after giving the bride the once over, turned to our son and repl'd, "Now I know what they mean when they say the early bird gets the worm."—*True*.

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Mrs Field had a frighteningly bad temper. When something rubbed her the wrong way she exploded like dynamite and could barely be quieted. "Darling," asked Mr Field after one of her volcanic outbursts, "how did it happen that I never noticed your temper tantrums during our engagement?"

"Oh," repl'd his wife, "I would excuse myself for a few minutes, go up to my room, and bite pieces out of my dresser."—*Weltbild*, Munich (QUOTE translation). c



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A girl reporter interviewed an Ozark woman who, from the salubrious mountain air and water, was hale and hearty on her 105th birthday. The girl asked the old lady how to spell her Christian name, which she pronounced "Pishie," and the old lady said, "Well, I don't rightly know, but I got a picture with my name printed on it." So a great-granddaughter brought a lithograph from the bedroom and it was *Psyche at the Spring*.—CLYDE BRION DAVIS, *Holiday*. d

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Arthur Murray's studio in Hollywood holds Tuesday night classes for some of the colony's notables, and they have been truly hectic sessions. Geo Burns left one of the classes early, and Groucho Marx turned to humorist Don Herold and said, "Have you noticed how nice and quiet it is since Geo left?"

"Yes," ans'd Don, "but if you think this is quiet, you should've been here *last Tuesday*—when you weren't here." — LEONARD LYONS, *Post-Hall Syndicate*. e

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Labor Sec'y Jas P Mitchell said altho his mail is heavy, he personally reads all letters addressed to him. "Some of them aren't so long," he added. "I had one the other day consisting of only 2 words: 'Drop dead!'" — QUOTE *Washington Bureau*. f

American statesmen used to be noted for their backbone. Oh, well, a great many things seem to have slipped up lately.—S S BIDDLE.

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Unemployment isn't so bad. It's unincome that's killing. — Boston Globe.

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Money doesn't grow on sprees, either.—Fifth Wheel, hm, *Indiana Motor Truck Ass'n*.

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In spite of the growing popularity of canned and frozen fruit juices, most guys still like to squeeze their own tomatoes.—P-K Sideliner, hm, *Peter Kuntz Co*.

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These days if your ship comes in it's docked by the gov't.—McCall Spirit, hm, *McCall Corp'n*.

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Censorship in the movies and on TV is just a case of stop, look, and less sin.—Wkly Animator, hm, *Alexander Film Co*.

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Nothing will take the starch out of you like a diet.—Pipe Dreams, hm, *Universal Concrete Pipe Co*.

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When we were kids, ten cents was really big money. Wow! How dimes have changed! — *Indiana Telephone News*, hm, *Indiana Bell Telephone Co*.

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An Ontario man decided to spend a month down the St Lawrence, with the worthy intention of brushing up on his French conversation. As it turned out he might well have prepared himself in advance with a little primary instruction.

Having rented a room in a charming farm house, he strove valiantly at meals and at other times to become bilingual. In spite of his highly original version of the language, he got by pretty well until one night when, smoking in bed, he set fire to the mattress. Before it was extinguished, considerable damage had been done. Overcome with mortification, he decided to make a clean breast of it. After a few moments of preparation, he went downstairs to breakfast. "*Madame,*" he said to his hostess, "*Je regrette, mais hier soir j'ai brule ma maitresse sur le lit.*"—*Montrealer.* g

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To give Clifton Fadiman's story validity, I ask you to believe that Erich Maria Remarque, author of *A Time to Love* and *a Time to Die*, had a brother who looked forward eagerly to becoming a father. A nurse interrupted his pacing to tell him it was an 8-lb boy. "Magnificent," he cried—and was still exulting when the nurse came back to report that another son had just been born. The father registered blank astonishment, then said coldly, "That 2nd Remarque was uncalled for."—BENNETT CERF, *Saturday Review.* h

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If I were king for one day, I would make every program in radio a giveaway show; when the studios were filled with the people who encourage these atrocities, I would lock the doors. With all of the morons in America trapped, the rest of the population could go about its business. — FRED ALLEN, *Treadmill to Oblivion* (Little, Brown). i

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Meeting at a social gathering, a lawyer called a physician friend aside and said, "I hate to come to these things. People are always asking for free advice. Do you have to put up with that too?"

"Why, yes, people are always approaching me for free medical advice," said the doctor. "But I stop them in the midst of reciting their symptoms with a curt arbitrary command—'Disrobe.' After that, I really have no trouble."—*Lion.* j

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The lawyer was browbeating the witness. "I understand," he said fiercely, "that you called on the defendant. Is that so?"

"Yes," repl'd the witness.

"What did he say?" continued the lawyer.

At this point the counsel for the opposition objected that evidence as to conversation was not admissible. An hr's argument ensued. Then the court retired to consider the point, returning after considerable time to announce the question a proper one.

"What did he say?" repeated the lawyer, with a confident smile.

"He wasn't home, sir." — *Times of Brazil* (Sao Paulo). k

A cheerful gaffer whose eyesight is failing has told us about what happened to him the other day when he asked a fellow-pedestrian to help him cross a busy street. He received no reply, and no reply when he repeated his request, but as the traffic light turned green, the silent one grasped his arm and, with what felt to him like extraordinary caution, steered him safely across. The gaffer thanked him, and his pilot said, "I'm drunk."—*New Yorker*. 1



Drug on the Market

Penicillin is now available in butterscotch flavor.—News item.

I've thought one thing of medicine
Since I was but a lad:
That if the stuff did any good
Its taste must be quite bad.

I've held my nose (or had it held),
I've been implored and nagged,
I've sipped it slowly, gulped it
down,
I've shuddered and I've gagged.

But now, I find, all this is past.
By some new process handy
They flavor medicine so that
It can't be told from candy.

All right, I'll take the tasty stuff,
But still, though men assure me,
I can't believe that what tastes
good
Will ever, ever cure me.

A mild little man returned from his wife's funeral on a very windy and stormy day. He had just reached home when a tile was blown from the roof and hit him on the head. "Wow!" he muttered as he hurried inside the house, "she's in Heaven already."—*McCall Spirit*, hm, McCall Corp'n. m

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Joe "Shoeless" Jackson, an early baseball great, began his ball-playing in his backwoods community as a young boy.

One Sunday, young Joe was on his way to the ball field when he was stopped by the minister of his church, who boomed, "Look here, my son, don't you know it's sinful to work on the Lord's day?"

"Shucks, Reverend," smiled Joe, "you don't mind wukkin' on Sunday, do you?"

"Of course not," snapped the pastor, "but when I work on Sunday, I'm in the right field."

"Well, dog my cats, Reverend," said the surprised boy, "that's jes' whar they done put me—and Reverend, I'd sure be obliged if you'd tell me how to play out thar!"—*Reformatory Pillar*. n

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Outside the courthouse a lawyer was trying to explain to his client why he had lost his case.

"Listen," interrupted the angry client, "after watching the way you talked to that jury, I'm convinced you'd lose a case for a woman with 16 children who had shot her husband in self-defense!"—*True*. o

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Quote-ettes

Mrs WALTER N SUTHERLAND, Kenilworth, Ill, 1st v-p Illinois Fed'n of Women's Clubs, in *understatement of the wk*: "Women lose their femininity when they participate in wrestling." 1-Q-t

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EARL (Windmill) GRAY, Boston prize fighter, placed on 3 yrs probation for carrying and firing a gun without a license: "I wouldn't harm anybody. I think of a gun as a yo-yo—just something to play around with." 2-Q-t

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News of the NEW

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We have recently acquired a small niece—a most remarkable child—and as a result have been doing a little pre-Christmas research in dolls. Some of the results are, to say the least, startling. In our somewhat distant childhood, dolls were uncomplicated, well-behaved little creatures. At least none of them went crawling around biting you on the ankle, reciting poetry or otherwise making themselves obnoxious.

Don't misunderstand: the 2 dolls we're talking about mind their manners, but they have their oddities. One may require extra watching. The poor little devil gets unburned. Leave her out in the

sun and she acquires a tan, which fades when she's brought in for several hrs. And if Sister forgets and leaves her doll out too long? For all we know, she may scorch like toast.

The other doll is a Santa Claus with overtones of Rudolph the Reindeer. He has a round, red nose, twistable type. When his nose is twisted, Santa plays *Jingle Bells* (but doesn't vocalize). . . Psychologically, we think it would be better if Santa slapped the wrist of anyone who assaulted him with such an indignity. After all, do you want to teach your child to twist people's noses to see if they're really music boxes?

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